THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Bills are likely to cover aspects of Intellectual Property such as trademarks, industrial designs, geographical indications and patents.

(c) The Trade Marks Bill, 1999 provide for setting up of Intellectual Property Appellate Board.

Indian Trade Development Council

†539. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have constituted Indian Trade Development Council for promoting foreign trade in the country;

(b) if so, the number of persons nominated or appointed in the Council;

(c) the names of countries where the offices of said council are situated; and

(d) the detail of annual expenditure incurred by Government on this Council?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Ban On Export of Meat, Fruits and Vegetables

†540. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Law Commission has recommended to ban the export of meat, fruits and vegetables due to shortage and excessive price hike in the country;

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.